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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



It's been a very busy Fall so far, and a lot has been happening in the department. I am pleased to report that the Department of Physical Therapy has received formal notification that the program has been **granted accreditation** from the Accreditation Council for Canadian Physiotherapy Academic Programs.

Convocation is coming up next week, on Tuesday, November 9th! This year the awards ceremony will be held in the Medical Sciences Building, in the McLeod Auditorium, Room 2158 - followed by a reception in the Stone Lobby. The Master of Ceremonies will be Professor Mary Sauriol, and there

will be remarks from Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak, Vice Dean, Graduate Affairs.

We also held a **Strategic Directions Retreat** on October 20th, led by Danny Nashman of the Potential Group. We were pleased to have over 75 attendees, including key individuals from the University, teaching sites, CPO, community PT's, staff and faculty. The enthusiasm and creativity was inspiring, and made for a very productive day. More to come about the development of our Strategic Plan in the next issue!

I hope you will join us for the **Enid Graham Memorial Lecture**, presented by Dr. Dina Brooks, the 2010 award winner. Dr. Brooks will be giving the lecture which she presented at the Physiotherapy Congress last summer in Newfoundland. Please see the events section below for more information.

Mark your calendars! Following are some other upcoming events of interest:

- **Rehab Rounds – November 4th:** (12pm – 1pm) **Dr. Emma Stokes** – “Family mediated exercise intervention after stroke: results of a mixed method evaluation”.

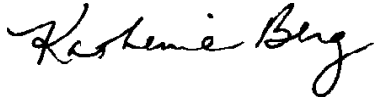


Retreat October 20th
Top – LtoR: Katie Sibley, Jan Robinson, Molly Verrier. **Bottom** – LtoR: Janet Parsons, Mary Jane McIntyre

For full schedule, see events section below.

- **January 20th, 2011:** Department of Physical Therapy Recognition and Exceptional Achievement Awards ceremony. *See department news section below.*
- **January 20th, 2011:** Department Faculty Assembly – This year there will be full day course 'Another Look at the Elephant; Developing expertise through clinical reasoning'. *See events section below.*
- **May 11th, 2011:** Rehab Sector Research Day

If you have any comments or feedback, please let us know at pt.chair@utoronto.ca.



Katherine Berg
Chair, Department of Physical Therapy

PT PROFILES

AILEEN DAVIS – PROFILE OF A RESEARCHER



Dr. Aileen Davis trained as a physiotherapist and clinical epidemiologist. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Toronto. She is a Senior Scientist in the Division of Health Care and Outcomes Research, Toronto Western Research Institute, University Health Network and is an investigator with the Arthritis and Community Research and Evaluation Unit and the Arthritis and Autoimmunity Research Centre at UHN. She is a Professor at the University of Toronto in the Departments of Physical Therapy, with cross appointments in Surgery and the Graduate Departments of Rehabilitation Science, Health Policy, Management and Evaluation and Institute of Medical Science. She is a member of the CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis Advisory Board, Vice-chair

of the Scientific Advisory Committee of The Arthritis Society and is a member of the Orthopaedic Expert Panel of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care. She is a member of the editorial board of Osteoarthritis and Cartilage and Arthritis Care and Research.

Dr. Davis' primary research focus is in musculoskeletal disease, particularly in identifying modifiable predictors of patient outcomes. She also has extensive experience in outcome measure development and evaluation and has published and lectured extensively on various aspects of patient evaluation and outcomes in arthritis and musculoskeletal oncology.

Recent work includes development and evaluation of new care pathways to improve access to services for people with total joint replacement and hip fracture. Additionally, Davis and her team have recently completed work related to outcome following total hip or knee replacement for osteoarthritis that demonstrated for the first time the impact of this surgery on people's return to their social and community-based activities (participation). This work also demonstrated that the outcomes of pain, functional limitations that are commonly evaluated as individual outcomes as well as participation, are strongly related within and over time during recovery.

She is the principle investigator of a CIHR team grant related to models of care for people with arthritis. The models of care in arthritis (MOCA), bone and joint disease research initiative is an interdisciplinary research program dedicated to improving the care for people with these

conditions by developing innovative ways to ensure people get the right care, by the right provider, at the right time. The research team consists of epidemiologists, health services and health policy researchers representing primary and specialist care, rehabilitation, relevant decision-makers and stakeholder partners from Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

We are now receiving nominations for the Department of Physical Therapy Exceptional Achievement Awards! Exceptional Achievement Award Recipients are individuals who have made **exceptional long standing contributions** to the Physical Therapy profession in one of four areas. Nominees must have a status appointment in the Department of Physical Therapy.

Education Exceptional Achievement Award acknowledges an individual who demonstrates education excellence to physical therapy students in their teaching practice and educational innovation. *Previous award recipients include:* Judi Hunter, Lynne Sinclair, Molly Verrier, Sharon-Switzer-McIntyre, Dina Brooks, Brenda Mori, Anne Agur, Euson Yeung, and Cathy Evans.

Physical Therapy Practitioner Exceptional Achievement Award acknowledges a Physical Therapist who demonstrates expertise in a clinical content area, a best practice approach to delivering patient centred care and participates in the development of their practice and the development of others in their clinical area. *Previous award recipients include:* Euson Yeung, Christine Carpenter, Krisztina Weinacht, Ros Crooks, Mary Sauriol, Helen Lee, Liz Inness, Vincent Lo, Karen Brunton, and Pamela Hilliard.

Professional Development Exceptional Achievement Award acknowledges an individual who demonstrates ongoing contribution to the development and advancement of the Physical Therapy profession. *Previous award recipients include:* Maria Tassone, Viivi Riis, Jo-Anne Howe, Elaine Aimone, Chantal Graveline, Sheila Ritcey, Signe Holstein, Gillian Bone, Dorianne Sauve, and Michel Landry.

Research Exceptional Achievement Award acknowledges an individual who demonstrates excellence in the development and dissemination of new knowledge in a collaborative manner and fosters the development of new researchers. *Previous award recipients include:* Ethne Nussbaum, Susan Jaglal, Bill McIlroy, Aileen Davis, Nancy Olmstead, Cheryl Cott, Dina Brooks, and Virginia Wright.

Nominators for Exceptional Achievement awards can be faculty. The deadline for nominations is **Monday December 6th, 2010**. The Awards Ceremony will take place in conjunction with the PT Faculty Assembly, which will be held on **Thursday January 20th, 2011**. If you would like to nominate an individual for an award, please complete the nomination form at this link. The call for nominations for the Department of Physical Therapy Recognition Awards will be launched in the October issue of PT Link.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/except-achievement-awards>

Thank you for your nominations.

Sincerely,
The Department of Physical Therapy Recognition and Exceptional Achievement Awards Committee

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY RECOGNITION AWARDS 2010

We are now receiving nominations for the Department of Physical Therapy Recognition Awards! Each year, the Department of Physical Therapy acknowledges those individuals who have provided great learning environments, guidance, supervision, or have been inspirational to our PT students with **Department of Physical Therapy Recognition Awards**. Recognition award recipients can be faculty members, clinical instructors, small group facilitators, lab demonstrators, teaching assistants, or other educators. Recipients can also be an entire site/team. The nominators can be students, clinicians or faculty.

The Awards Ceremony will take place in conjunction with the PT Faculty Assembly, which will be held on **Thursday January 20th, 2011 between 12-1pm**. If you would like to nominate an individual or site/team for an award, please complete the nomination form at this link.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/recognition-awards>

The deadline for nominations is Monday December 6th, 2010. We look forward to receiving your nominations!

RECRUITING CLINICIANS FOR SHORT TERM IN HAITI!

As you are well aware, the effects of the devastating January 2010 earthquake in Haiti continue to have important implications for people with disabilities living in that country. There has been much involvement of clinicians from Toronto as part of the relief effort – in fact, the response from this area has been nothing less than inspirational.

A group called the University of Miami/Medishare program has contacted me regarding the potential to send more rehabilitation teams to continue their work. I am collecting names of physical therapists (and others) that might be interested in going to Haiti for approximately one week. If you are interested, please contact me at mike.landry@utoronto.ca.

PARTICIPANTS WANTED! ASSESSING THE BUSINESS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (BRM) THEME WITHIN THE PT CURRICULUM

There are a series of cross-cutting themes within the physical therapy curriculum at the University of Toronto – one of these is called the Business and Resource Management (BRM) theme. The overall objectives of this theme are to create opportunities for students to learn about the political landscape of health care in Canada, and the intricacies related to funding, delivery and allocation of rehabilitation services. Knowledge is assessed through questions on unit quiz/exams, and through group assignments.

As theme leader, Mike Landry is conducting two focus groups with a broad base of clinicians, academics and administrators (and everyone else in between) to examine the content of this theme. The focus group will be conducted using a SWOT analysis (S-strengths, W-weaknesses, O-opportunities, T-threats) framework, and your opinions will be essential to improving the theme. These focus groups will be held from 8 to 9am on Monday November 29th, and again later that afternoon from 5 to 6pm. There are two sessions in order to accommodate people's work schedules.

All are welcome to attend and participate – but please send an email to mike.landry@utoronto.ca indicating your interest in participating.

PUBLICATIONS

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COURSES/PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS

THE ENID GRAHAM MEMORIAL LECTURE

Presented by:

Dr. Dina Brooks, 2010 winner of the Enid Graham Memorial Lecture Award

Date: November 22nd, 2010

Time: 4:00 – 6:00pm

Location: 155 College Street, Room 610

The Enid Graham Memorial Lecture Award is presented every year to an individual who is recognized by her/his professional peers as being a leader committed to the promotion of the physiotherapy profession.

The Department of Physical Therapy and CBI Health Group are pleased to invite you to hear the lecture that Dr. Brooks gave at Physiotherapy Congress last summer in Newfoundland, where she was presented this prestigious award.

The Lecture will be at 4:15, followed by a reception at 5:00.

RSVP: pt.reception@utoronto.ca

SAVE THE DATES!!

UPCOMING COURSES – UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY



**THE NAKED LEG: LOWER EXTREMITY
ANATOMY FOR PHYSIOTHERAPISTS**

Saturday, November 27, 2010

We are also excited to announce that **Mark Jones** is coming to offer two clinically relevant courses in **January 2011**.

SHOULDER IMPINGEMENT AND INSTABILITY:

Biomechanical Principles, Clinical Reasoning, Practical Examination & Management

January 14 and 15, 2011

This two day course will cover biomechanical principles, routine and more advanced examination, differentiation and treatment procedures for the shoulder complex in the context of clinical reasoning. Emphasis will be placed on shoulder impingement and instability and on improving manual skills in all assessment and management procedures. Current research on dynamic stability of the shoulder complex is highlighted and techniques for testing passive and dynamic stability and retraining motor control are demonstrated and practiced.

Registration Fee/Deadline: (Includes course manual)

\$450 Before November 15, 2010; \$500 After November 15, 2010



AND

**ANOTHER LOOK AT THE ELEPHANT
DEVELOPING EXPERTISE THROUGH CLINICAL REASONING**

Understanding the problem and the person

A course for musculoskeletal physical therapists

Thursday, January 20, 2011

This one day course will include a mix of didactic lecture and case-based learning to provide physical therapists with clinical reasoning theory and practice needed to: 1) understand and manage patients' physical problems through "diagnostic reasoning" and procedural management; and 2) understand and manage patients' psychosocial factors through "narrative reasoning" and cognitive-experiential management.

Registration Fee/Deadline: Includes course manual

\$195 Before November 15, 2010; \$230 After November 15, 2010

For further information: <http://www.physicaltherapy.utoronto.ca/events/upcoming.htm>

Phone: 416-946-8641

Email: pt.reception@utoronto.ca

REHABILITATION RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULE

Date: September 2010- December 2010**Time: Thursdays, 3:00 to 5:00 pm****Location: Rehab Science Building 500 University Avenue****Course Faculty Professors:**

Dina Brooks: (416) 978-1739

dina.brooks@utoronto.ca

Katherine Berg: (416) 978-0173

katherine.berg@utoronto.ca

Date and Room	Presenter and Topic	Co-coordinator Present
Nov 11 th Rm 140	Student Presentations: Sonia Pagura: Identifying the facilitators and barriers of implementing scorecards in Ontario rehabilitation hospitals Roula Markoulakis: Investigating the effects of university culture on student mental health.	Katherine Berg
Nov 25 th 2 – 4pm Rm 132	Student Presentations: Gail Teachman: Marginalized and Muted: Experiences of social inclusion and exclusion from disabled children who communicate differently Euson Yeung: The development and evaluation of clinical decision making skills among Orthopaedic Physiotherapists	Katherine Berg
Dec. 9 th Rm 132	Student Presentations: Tizneem Nagdee: A Framework to support design of Smart Home Assistive Technologies for People with Dementia Tammy Craig- TBD	Dina Brooks

REHAB ROUNDS SCHEDULE – 2010/2011

Date	Speaker	Room	Topic
November 4 th 12:00 – 1:00	Emma Stokes Physiotherapist /Physical Therapist, Senior Lecturer, School of Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin	Rm 132	Family mediated exercise intervention after stroke: results of a mixed method evaluation
November 30 th 12:00 – 1:00	Carol Richards Visiting Professor	132	TBA

December 2 nd 12:00 – 1:00	Patricia Longmuir Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy, UofT & Post-Doctoral Researcher, Labatt Family Heart Centre, SickKids	Rm 132	'Beyond Exercise Capacity and Obesity: Treating Childhood Illnesses and Disabilities with Physical Activity'
January 6 th 12:00 – 1:00	Renee Lyons	Rm 132	Bridgepoint Health – Topic TBA
February 3 rd 12:00 – 1:00	Janet Parsons	Rm 132	St. Michael's Hospital – Topic TBA
March 3 rd 12:00 – 1:00	Nancy White, CIHI	Rm 132	TBA
April 7 th 12:00 – 1:00	Deirdre Dawson PhD, OT Reg (ON) Senior Scientist, Kunin- Lunenfeld Applied Research Unit, Baycrest & Associate Professor, OS/OT, UofT	Rm 132	TBA
May 5 th 12:00 – 1:00	TBA	Rm 132	
June 2 nd 12:00 – 1:00	Sharon Staus	Rm 132	TBA

CONQUERING THE HURT: THE TRAJECTORY FROM ACUTE TO CHRONIC PAIN SYMPOSIUM

Date: Thursday, November 4, 2010.

The 2010 program, an accredited event through the Royal College of Physicians (Credits TBC), will highlight current advancements and practices in childhood pain.

Invited speakers are drawn from prominent Canadian pediatric pain researchers and practitioners, most notably keynote speakers: Dr. Michael Salter (Neurosciences and Mental Health Senior Scientist and Program Head, Hospital for Sick Children) who will clarify the pathophysiology of pain and Dr. Leora Kuttner (Psychologist, Clinical Professor, Pediatric Dept. BC Children's Hospital & University of British Columbia) who will guide the audience through the psychological implications and management in the trajectory from acute to chronic pain.

A new feature for this year's program will be the addition of a poster session promoting the varied specialties which contribute to the care of pain in children. The day's events will open the door to networking and interactions with fellow colleagues.

For more information: Please click on "view event website" to be redirected to the event's site. Poster abstracts are now being accepted for the poster session at the event.

To register directly: Please click the link below, view the invitation, and respond by clicking either the Yes or No button at the bottom of the invitation.

<http://guest.cvent.com/d/8FhKx-oFJkuQopeCVxr3DQ/wn3h/P1/1Q>

CENTRE FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FALL WORKSHOPS

The CFD is pleased to announce it's workshop series for the fall which includes popular workshops from past years along with some great new topics.

Topics include:

- Facilitating Groups in IPE
- Teaching 101
- Teaching Internationally
- How to Use AV Effectively and Become a Better Presenter
- Teaching Dossiers
- Technology Enhanced Health Professions Education
- The Healthy Teacher
- Develop Your Leadership Agility
- Managing Challenging Teaching Situations and Problem Learners

To view the current list of workshops being presented by the Centre for Faculty Development, please view their website at: <http://www.cfd.med.utoronto.ca/news/May31.10.pdf>

For more information, contact Jackie McCaffrey, Project Coordinator at: mccaffreyj@smh.toronto.on.ca (416) 864-6060 x6546

HEALTH ACHIEVE 2010: *Rehabilitation*

Date: Monday, November 8, 2010 -- 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Location: Room 104 C, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front Street West

Presiding:

Molly Verrier, Director of Distributed Rehabilitation Sciences Education
Rehabilitation Sciences Sector, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

Donna Cripps, President, Hamilton Health Sciences – St Peter's Hospital; Chair, Complex Continuing Care and Rehabilitation Provincial Leadership Council, Ontario Hospital Association

Recognizing Rehabilitation: Advancing Integration of Services, Education, Sciences and Informatics: The goal of the session is to inform the Ontario health care system of how the changing roles of rehabilitation professionals and evaluation outcomes of rehabilitation practices and innovations enhance the continuum and quality of health care for Ontarians from bench to community.

- 3:30pm **Welcome and Opening Remarks - Molly Verrier and Donna Cripps**
- 3:35pm **Describing the Ontario Rehabilitation Process and Patient Journey: How does it look from 1000 feet? - Mimi Lowi-Young**, Chief Executive Officer, Central West LHIN; **Dr. Robert Cushman**, Chief Executive Officer, Champlain LHIN
- 3:50pm **Using Health Informatics: Examining Rehabilitation across the Continuum of Care – Enhancing Quality and Optimizing Outcomes - Dr. Walter Wodchis**, Associate Professor, Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto
- 4:10pm **Emerging Rehabilitation Sciences: Linking Rehabilitation Professionals and Technology for Provision of Quality Care - Dr. Geoff Fernie**, Vice President of Research, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute; Professor, University of Toronto

- 4:30pm **An Innovation and Quality Improvement Agenda for Health: Implementing our Best Practices and Optimizing our Providers of Rehabilitation - Dr. Vasanthi Srinivasan**, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Health System Strategy Division, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- 4:50pm **Panel Discussion and Questions** - How will Integration of Processes, Education of Rehabilitation Professionals, Rehabilitation Informatics, Sciences and Best Practices Affect Ontarians and their Health?
- 5:00pm **Adjournment**
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INTERGENERATIONAL WORKPLACES AND CONFLICT: CREATING COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENTS

Leadership and Management Program Presented by the Interprofessional Leadership Institute

Wednesday November 10th, 2010

Be sure to attend this exciting day of exploring conflict and the intergenerational workforce taking place at historical Liuna Station, Hamilton Ontario. Don't miss the opportunity to expand your knowledge and understanding of one of the most challenging issues in the workplace today! Acquire tools and creative solutions as well as dialogue and network with colleagues across the education and health care sectors.

For more information:

visit the Website at: www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/conted OR www.leadershipandmanagement.ca

Contact: Sinéad Irvine, Conference Coordinator 905.525.9140 ext. 22990
irvine@mcmaster.ca

ACTION ONTARIO INVITES YOU TO ATTEND:

PATIENT INPUT FOR SYSTEM CHANGE

- A symposium on neuropathic pain

Neuropathic pain is the result of damage or disease to the nervous system. It has one face – that of suffering and distress – but its causes are many, including multiple sclerosis, diabetes, AIDS, shingles, cancer, spinal cord and nerve injuries.

Unfortunately, people with neuropathic pain often have difficulty receiving proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment, prolonging suffering, and at great cost to the individual, their family and the health system.

Patient Input for System Change, a symposium being held during National Pain Awareness Week, will bring together patients, clinicians, researchers and other interested people to share ideas on how our health system can more effectively meet the needs of people suffering from chronic pain.

When: **Tuesday, November 9, 2010**
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Where: MaRS Auditorium
101 College St, Toronto

For more information, and to RSVP, please email: email@actionontario.ca

CLINICAL SCHOLARSHIP: PROMOTING EVIDENCE-INFORMED INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN CCC – *CALL FOR ABSTRACTS*

Deadline for abstract submission is midnight, November 29, 2010.

Conference Date: Friday, April 8th, 2011

Where:

Sutton Place Hotel
955, Bay Street
Toronto, ON

Complex continuing care is a specialized program of care providing programs for medically complex patients whose condition requires a hospital stay, regular onsite physician care and assessment, and active care management by specialized staff.

Join us on April 8, 2011 to participate in this one day conference which will bring together clinicians, physicians, managers and administrators to acknowledge and promote interprofessional clinical scholarship, disseminate innovations in practice and improvements in patient outcomes and to discuss the challenges and future directions of Complex Continuing Care (CCC) in Ontario.

This forum will be a first ever opportunity for individuals working in CCC to formally collaborate and share with each other as well as with our partners in Acute Care.

Visit our website regularly for program updates! Or write us at: conferences@torontorehab.on.ca to be notified when the program brochure is ready.

Registration will open in December 2010.

Who Should Attend:

This is a must-attend event for all occupational therapists, physiotherapists, nurses, speech language pathologists, social workers, dietitians, pharmacists, therapeutic recreationists, students as well as other clinicians and administrators who practice in a Complex Care environment. Don't miss out!

Contact Us:

For more information about this conference or if you want to be notified when the program brochure is available, please contact Conference Services at:

Phone: 416-597-3422, ext. 3693

E-mail: conferences@torontorehab.on.ca

Web: www.torontorehab.com/education

1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FACULTY DEVELOPMENT IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

With the increasing complexity of academic health science centers, it is very important that health science schools address the professional development needs of their faculty members. Currently, there is no academic conference that specifically addresses the faculty development field for academic health science centers world-wide. We are hoping to fill this void with the 1st International Conference on Faculty Development in the Health Professions.

Date and Location: May 10-13, 2011 - Toronto

Who Should Attend? Individuals working or with an interest in:

- Faculty development
- Faculty affairs
- Teacher training
- Career development
- Conducting research and scholarship in faculty development

Goals

- Bring together international faculty development leaders / educators in the academic health sciences
- Share best practices and current research in faculty development
- Foster a global community of leaders in the field

Themes

- Faculty development programs and innovations
- Research and scholarly activity in faculty development

Faculty Development Definition

For purposes of this conference, faculty development is defined as the broad range of activities that institutions use to renew or assist faculty members in their multiple roles. Faculty development activities include programs to enhance teaching and education, research and scholarly activity, academic leadership and management, and faculty affairs, including faculty recruitment, advancement, retention, and vitality. The intent of these activities is to assist faculty members in their roles as teachers, educators, leaders, administrators and researchers.

This conference is being organized by:

1. Centre for Faculty Development in the Li Ka Shing International Education Centre of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital, a joint program with the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
2. Centre for Medical Education and Faculty Development, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University

Contact Information: Office of Continuing Education & Professional Development
Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
Phone: 416.978.2719 Fax: 416.946.7028
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<http://www.facultydevelopment2011.com/>

CAREERS

CAREER OPPORTUNITY: PART TIME ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

ALLOCATION: 0.40 FTE
DEPARTMENT: Physical Therapy, University of Toronto

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Unit 5 Co-coordinator (Neurological Physical Therapy)
- Curriculum planning – evaluate and develop curriculum material including but not exclusive to: setting the unit schedule; annual review of content in the lectures; labs and case studies; coordinating and liaising with faculty, community partners and guest speakers
- Lead and participate in a number of educational activities (e.g. lectures, labs, small groups)

- Supervise teaching assistants, lab instructors, Best Practice group advisors, Practical Skills Exam (PSE) examiners and small group facilitators
- Writing and marking of written tests and PSE
- Update and manage the unit website
- Manage day-to-day activities within the unit, including student issues as they arise
- Foster collaborative relationships within the Department, with clinical facilities and other departments at U of T, as well as beyond
- Be responsible for the overall organization and quality of Unit 5
- Work closely with other unit coordinators and advisors
- Serve on departmental committees as appropriate

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS:

- Proven track record in teaching
- Excellent communication skills, both verbally and in writing
- Excellent organizational skills
- Must be a Physical Therapist with experience in neurological physical therapy
- Minimum Masters degree
- Must be currently working in a clinical environment

DEADLINE: November 19, 2010
START DATE: January 1, 2011
CONTACT: Katherine Berg, Chair – pt.chair@utoronto.ca

OTHER NEWS

RESOURCE FOR EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

The following link to a website at the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Western Australia is a resource for evidence based practice. This may be of interest to physiotherapists.

<http://www.meddent.uwa.edu.au/teaching/acq>

REHAB SCIENCES SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT!

Event space is available to rent in the Rehabilitation Sciences Building at 500 University Ave. The Rehabilitation Sciences Building is located just north of Dundas St, close to University Health Network, Hospital for Sick Children, Mount Sinai Hospital and the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. We are also close to the Ryerson University Business School at Bay and Dundas, and the Ontario College of Art and Design on McCaul St.

We have two step-style classrooms with desks that seat up to 90 persons and a number of flat classrooms that seat from 40 up to 90. In addition, there are a number of small 'break out' rooms available that can be used for groups of 12. We also have a computer lab with 44 desktop computers that can be used for testing or training. PT also has two clinical labs which provide great opportunities for practicing and teaching clinical skills. The building has a small café on the ground floor. You can view pictures of our facilities on the Rehab Sector web site, www.rehab.utoronto.ca.

For availability and rates, please contact the Rehab Sciences Sector at:
416-946-8554
Email: rehabsector.reception@utoronto.ca.

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Heading: (as listed above)

Title of content:

Submitted by: (name)

Removal date/expiration date:

Please note: As requested in our needs assessment performed prior to remodeling the newsletter, attachments will no longer be issued with upcoming newsletters.

For course information, please provide the title of the course, a brief description, the term it will be offered, and the website where more information on the course can be obtained.